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IN RE WORLD TRADE CENTER LOWER MANHATTAN DISASTER SITE LITIGATION ORDER SETTING HEARING **ON OPEN MOTIONS**

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05 Civ. 3090

07 Civ. 5390

08 Civ. 2248

08 Civ. 2256

08 Civ. 2319

ALVIN K. HELLERSTEIN, U.S.D.J.:

In light of the discovery disputes raised by Defendants' motions to dismiss— Plaintiffs David Vivar (07 Civ. 5390), Rolendio Cabrera (08 Civ. 2256), and Lucyna Foremska

(05 Civ. 3090) for failure to prosecute (Doc. No. 4781); and Plaintiffs Cristhian Tapia (08 Civ.

2248) and Seweryn Wojciechowski (08 Civ. 2319) for violating established discovery

procedures (Doc. No. 4758)—I am concerned that the pre-trial schedule established by the order

of March 22, 2013 (Doc. No. 4647) is likely to be jeopardized. Accordingly, I wish to hear from

counsel on June 12, 2013, at 10:30 a.m. on the following subjects:

1) Why Plaintiffs selected for intensive discovery are unwilling to submit to depositions and how it is that Plaintiffs' counsel are unaware of, and have failed to give notice of, Plaintiffs' reluctance;

- 2) What effect this situation is likely to have on the schedule of pre-trial proceedings and the integrity of those proceedings; and
- 3) Why discovery obligations that should have been completed during the period when parties were responding to Court-ordered interrogatories now appear not to have been completed, and how Plaintiffs account for the large amount of supplementary discovery with respect to cases selected for intensive

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discovery. Since the motion raises issues of prejudice in the selection of cases for intensive discovery, I will want to know how the answers to the Courtordered interrogatories give rise to categorizing tiers of injury, and how the tiers may be affected by the supplementary discovery responses.

Counsel should be prepared on the full details of the discovery responses of the affected Plaintiffs, including what was produced and when, and the details of the supplementation.

SO ORDERED

Dated:

June 5, 2013 New York, New York

Jnited States District Judge